

TIMSS and PIRLS 2011 Schedule of Development Activities for the Background Questionnaires

In 2011, background questionnaire development followed a unified approach involving experts and country representatives from both TIMSS and PIRLS in all steps of the process.

Date(s)	Group and Activity
February	2008 PIRLS National Research Coordinators (NRCs) proposed updates in contextual framework and background questionnaires for 2011 at 1st NRC meeting (Madrid, Spain)
November	2008 PIRLS 2011 Questionnaire Development Group (QDG) discussed updates to contextual framework and background questionnaires at 1st QDG meeting (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
January	2009 TIMSS NRCs proposed updates in contextual framework and background questionnaires for 2011 at 1st NRC meeting (Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt)
April	2009 PIRLS 2011 QDG and TIMSS 2011 Questionnaire Item Review Committee (QIRC) met jointly to finalize contextual frameworks and review proposed background questionnaires for TIMSS and PIRLS in 2011 (Munich, Germany)
May	2009 TIMSS NRCs conducted final review of proposed TIMSS 2011 field test background questionnaires at 2nd NRC meeting (Washington, DC, USA)
June	2009 PIRLS NRCs conducted final review of proposed PIRLS 2011 field test background questionnaires at 3rd NRC meeting (Vilnius, Lithuania)
September	2009 TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center posted proposed TIMSS and PIRLS 2011 field test background questionnaires on the web for NRC approval
September	2009 TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center finalized and published <i>PIRLS 2011 Assessment Framework</i> and <i>TIMSS 2011 Assessment Frameworks</i>
October	2009 TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center finalized TIMSS and PIRLS 2011 field test background questionnaires and distributed them to NRCs
February	2010 PIRLS NRCs recommended updates in curriculum questionnaire and encyclopedia outline for 2011 at 4th NRC meeting (London, England)
March	2010 TIMSS NRCs recommended updates in curriculum questionnaire and encyclopedia outline for 2011 at 4th NRC meeting (Melbourne, Australia)
March–April	2010 Countries administered field test
May	2010 Countries began submitting background questionnaire field test data for analysis and review
June–July	2010 TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center conducted analysis of background questionnaire field test data and compiled recommendations for revisions
July	2010 PIRLS 2011 QDG and TIMSS 2011 QIRC met jointly to finalize background questionnaires for data collection and to review proposed curriculum questionnaire and encyclopedia outlines (Dubrovnik, Croatia)
July	2010 PIRLS NRCs approved final PIRLS 2011 background questionnaires for data collection at 4th NRC meeting (Zagreb, Croatia)
August	2010 TIMSS NRCs approved final TIMSS 2011 background questionnaires for data collection at 4th NRC meeting (Prague, Czech Republic)
August	2010 TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center distributed TIMSS and PIRLS 2011 background questionnaires to NRCs
October–December	2010 Southern Hemisphere countries conducted data collection

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March	2011	Final PIRLS 2011 and TIMSS 2011 encyclopedia outlines posted on the web for countries to prepare their chapters
March–June	2011	Northern Hemisphere countries conducted data collection
April	2011	TIMSS & PIRLS 2011 Online Curriculum Questionnaire available for countries to complete